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LETTER DATED 31 AUGUST 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AUSTRIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement issued on 28 August 1998 by the Presidency of the European Union on the recent developments in the Lockerbie case.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English and French]

Statement on the recent developments in the Lockerbie case, issued on 28 August 1998 by the Presidency of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the readiness of the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to accept a trial before a Scottish court under Scottish law in the Netherlands and the offer to allow international observers to attend the trial.

The European Union thanks the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for its willingness to host such a court.

The European Union also welcomes the Libyan announcement that it would deal positively with the proposal of the United Kingdom and the United States. The European Union expects Libya to accept it and to fully implement the provisions of Security Council resolution 1192 (1998) and all other relevant Security Council resolutions.